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TAGS:MASS, NO

SUBJECT: GON INTEREST IN STINGER AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM

REF: OSLO 1020

1. FOR SOME TIME USG HAS BEEN SEEKING TO LIMIT THE PROLIFERATION OF MAN PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS) BECAUSE OF THE DANGER THAT THESE WEAPONS COULD POSE TO CIVIL AVIATION IN THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS. IN VIEW OF THE NATO NEED FOR EFFECTIVE AIR DEFENSE, SALES OF THE US FIRST GENERATION MANPADS (REDEYE) WERE APPROVED FOR SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES. IN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE POLICY AND BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE TECHNOLOGY IN THE SECOND GENERATION MANPADS (STINGER) RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA WAS RESTRICTED. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S REVIEW OF US ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, USG TOOK SPECIAL DETAILED LOOK AT MANPADS QUESTION. IT WAS ONLY SUBSEQUENT TO THIS REVIEW  
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THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE TO PERMIT RELEASE TO  
SELECTED NATO COUNTRIES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO NORWAY, QUESTION OF SALE OF STINGER WAS NOT ADDRESSED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTTEL BECAUSE NEITHER DEPARTMENT (PM) NOR DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF DATA ON THE SYSTEM THROUGH

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CHANNELS. GENERAL HAMRE'S BRIEFING WAS APPARENTLY REQUESTED BY NORWEGIAN EMBASSY WASH THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY'S FOREIGN LIASION OFFICE. WE ARE INFORMED THAT HAMRE RECEIVED THE STANDARD CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING BY THE ARMY, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE STINGER PASSIVE OPTICAL SEEKER TECHNIQUE (POST).

3. DEPARTMENT APPROVES RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA AND PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION TO NORWAY ON THE STINGER. NORWEGIANS SHOULD CONTACT THE PROJECT MANAGER AT REDSTONE ARSENAL FOR A 1-2 DAY BRIEFING. ONLY PRELIMINARY INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED ON THE STINGER POST AS IT IS UNDERGOING ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT. PROJECT MANAGER CAN PRESENT GENERAL PRICE AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION.

4. QUESTION OF COPRODUCTION IS MORE COMPLEX, AND USG HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON STINGER COPRODUCTION. VANCE

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